

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE  
(In the DO/EO/US)

In re the Application of:

Pascal PERRIAT et al.

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Application No.: not yet assigned

Examiner: not yet assigned

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Attorney Dkt. No.: 71247-0065

For: HYBRID NANOPARTICLES WITH  $\text{Ln}_2\text{O}_3$  CORE AND CARRYING  
BIOLOGICAL LIGANDS, AND METHOD OF PREPARATION THEREOF (as  
amended)

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

September 1, 2006

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits of the above-identified application, please  
amend the application as set forth below.

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**Remarks are submitted on page 8.**